



# *The Call Boy*

## The GGLS “Goat” Returns



The engine was originally built by Bill Brower when the club was still at Redwood Regional Park. The body was made of plywood and the drive was via v-belts. Whenever the trucks would turn going around a curve the belts would either loosen or get so tight the engine would stall. I designed the trucks that were on the unit when it was sold. I built the “goat” in my shop and Ralph McChesney painted it. It took me a whole year to build. I donated all the parts that we had to replace except for the engine. We put in a new engine and used the transmission, wheels and whatever else was usable. The club decided to sell it to member Paolo Epifani (now restored). The the club locomotives became too big to pull, considering the power it had. Also it was very slow. Not seen in the picture is a seat cushion that was used as one would ride on the engine.

*Roy Motz*

### Event Calendar

#### September

9/11/16 GGLS Member Meeting

9/11/16 GGLS Board Meeting

#### October

10/09/16 GGLS Member Meeting

10/09/16 GGLS Board Meeting

10/14-16/16 SVLS Fall Meet

10/22/16 GGLS Fall Meet

10/23/16 GGLS Open House

#### November

11/13/16 GGLS Member Meeting

11/13/16 GGLS Board Meeting

#### December

12/11/16 GGLS Member Meeting

12/11/16 GGLS Board Meeting &  
Annual Election

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*President:* Mark Johnson  
*Vice President:* Rick Reaves  
*Secretary:* Chris Smith  
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*Rolling Stock:* Richard Croll  
*Public Train* Richard Croll  
*Bits & Pieces:* Sheldon Yee  
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*Grounds:* Andy Weber  
*Signal System:* Steve Vitkovits  
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*High Track:* Jeremy Coombs  
*Refreshments:* Walt Oellerich  
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**Deadline for submittal to next months' issue is  
15th of the month**



## *Announcements*

As noted in the club "minutes" a safety inspection will take place at the track in October. As such, the fire extinguishers have been replaced as most are due for refill (6yrs.) and are also due for hydrotesting (10yrs.). Besides the club house, shop, Shattock Barn, and roundhouse, an extinguisher has been placed out at the tool shed.



Redwood Valley is having a complete upgrade of their utility service. It is supplied from our clubhouse. There has been a lot of ongoing excavation on their property. Trenching will begin on our property Monday morning as outlined above. Work should be done by Friday.

**Golden Gate Live Steamers**  
a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

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## Club Meeting Minutes

Vice President Rick Reaves called the General Meeting to order at 10:00

### General Announcements:



Amy Herman mentioned that the Swanton Pacific Railroad is hosting Cal Poly day on October 9<sup>th</sup> and she encourages our members to attend. You can sign up on their website (<http://sprr.calpoly.edu/>) and since space is limited, sign up ASAP.

### New & Returning Members, Visitors, Guests:

None.

### Steam-related Activities:

Michael Smith talked about his family vacation to Alaska, where he rode on the Alaskan Railroad. He was also able to visit the Alaska Live Steamers.

### Officers' Report:

**President Mark Johnson:** "We had wonderful 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and everyone that was able to attend indicated that they had a great time. I would especially like to acknowledge & thank Sandy Morris for the hard work & excellent job that she & her committee did putting the event together and for making sure that everything went smoothly.

I have received notification from the East Bay Regional Park District that they will be coming onto the club facility to make a safety inspection. They have given the tentative date for the inspection as being on October 8, 2016, sometime between 8 am and 3 pm. We will get a definite date & time when the inspection gets closer.

In getting ready for the safety inspection Rick Zobelein and I have noticed that some of our fire extinguishers are way past due for inspection and refill. I have asked Rick to look into getting this

taken care of and if necessary, to purchase new equipment in for the inspection.

The GGLS Board is getting closer to finalize the Club's insurance coverage and Secretary Chris Smith is handling the interaction with the club's insurance broker.

*Finally, when operating your trains, please remember to stay alert so that accidents can be avoided. Remember, Safety First."*

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** For a detailed report on the club's finances, please see John Lisherness.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Safety Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsmen:** Not present.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Buildings:**

Rich Lundberg reported that the roundhouse repair is progressing as planned.



He also stated that the tool shed is being prepared for painting and he is looking for volunteers to put new shingles on the roof. If you are interested in volunteering and have roofing experience, please contact Rich ([luckylundy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luckylundy@sbcglobal.net)).

**Grounds:** Nothing to report.



**Safety Committee:** Safety Chairperson Jerry Kimberlin wants reminds everyone to please respect the club handcar rules.

**Signals:** Dan Swanson has been awarded the position of Signal committee chairperson. Also, there is a dark signal over by the Diamondback Smelting plant.

**Ground Track:** Nothing to report.



**High Track:** John Lytle has repair a few trouble spots along the high track. Chief High Track test tracker Mel McDonough has reported that his  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Northern locomotive does not derail in those spots anymore!



**Public Train:** Rich would like to thank his dedicated crew for all of their hard work and also mentioned that they broke past 800 riders during the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **Locomotives:**

**RGS 22:** Richard Croll reports that the engine continues to perform well on Sundays Public Train runs and there are no current problems.

**Johnson Pacific:** Mike Gershowitz is reassembling the cab and piping. John Lisherness installed the new propane burner and testing firing will be done after the pipe work is in place.

**Heintz Atlantic:** The valve gear overhaul is ongoing.

**Hunter Atlantic:** Boiler water is being fed off the axle pump.

**Gas Diesel Engines:** All are running.

**Rolling Stock:** Rich Croll has requested that when putting the public train cars away, please do not put them back in numerical order. Contact Rich (railroc66@yahoo.com) for further details. Also, all of the air leaks throughout the riding cars have been taken care of. Additionally, two riding cars were placed out of service.

**Callboy/ Website:** Compliments for both the printed and online versions of the CallBoy newsletters still come which indicates the readers are still happy with the contents & format.

The problem of Norton Utilities declaring our web site as dangerous was discussed briefly and more details can be found in a separate article in this issue.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Roundhouse:** The new roundhouse locks have arrived and Rich Lundberg will set them with their own individual combination.

Michael Smith will soon be scheduling a work party for opening the shanks to accommodate the new locks and to also fix the turntable leads.

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The 80<sup>th</sup> was a success and Sandy would like to thank volunteers for helping out throughout the event (see her accompanying article in this issue of the CallBoy). The GGLS would also like to thank Sandy Morris for planning and supervising this event!

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

GGLS members have been invited to participate in the Good Guys festival with the Bay Area Engine

Modelers (BAEM). For more information and opportunities to participate in future events, please contact Paul Denham (pedenham@comcast.net).

General Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rick Reaves at 11:15 am.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

John Lisherness brought up the proposal of buying Bob Cohen's unfinished RGS 20 locomotive. The motion was made and passed to offer Bob \$22,000 for his unfinished RGS locomotive.

Christopher Smith made a motion, which passed, to give Bob Cohen permission to buy another propane storage locker.

### **Other Business:**

The Board reviewed the new insurance quote provided and Secretary Christopher Smith will find out further details on the quote for the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 12:00 pm.

### **80th Anniversary**



Cheerleader Sandy Morris thanks all volunteers for their help in making the anniversary a great success. A lot of work went into this project including meals and raffle prizes.



Bob Morris found this display at a Safeway store and put it aside for the anniversary.



Many raffle prizes were available based on donations collected by various members.







Bob and Sandy instruct executive chef Andy Weber on the finer points of flipping burgers while JoAnn Miller looks on.

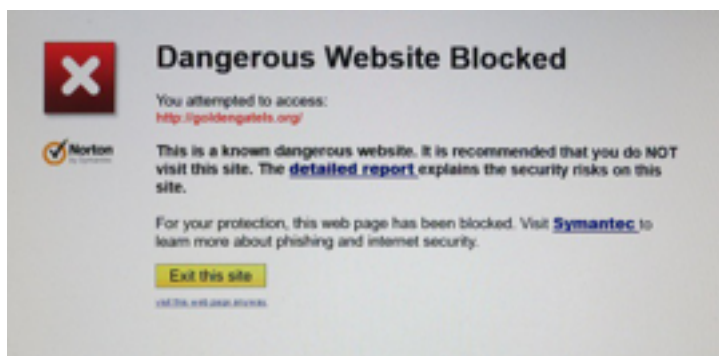
### **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll and Jerry Kimberlin discuss how to replicate a Door Post Support for 2 1/2" scale Club Boxcar (made of pewter metal).

### **GGLS Web Site Access Problems?**



A few months ago, it was reported by several members that they have received the following screen pop up from Norton Utilities. After some preliminary investigation, it seems that the problem is not as severe as Norton has indicated. Among the members experiencing this problem was that they used Comcast as their internet provider and Norton Utilities.

If you have encountered the problem but would like to access our club web page ([www.goldengateels.org](http://www.goldengateels.org) or [www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org)) temporarily turn off Norton, access our web page and turning Norton back on. If you have any questions, comments or any web site related problems, please contact Pat Young ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com))

### **To the Public Train Crew**



You guys are doing a terrific job with the public train. All members very much appreciate the efforts & great results you and the rest of the Public Train Committee are achieving. 693 passengers August 14th!!

John Lisherness

## Steam Motorcycle



John Smith submitted this picture of a motorcycle that operates on steam. Part of the design appears to incorporate a boiler as seen on a steam locomotive. This may be something that might intrigue folks like Charlie Reiter and Dave August but I seriously doubt that they could get Vince Spadaro, Jerry Kimberlin or Fred Byl to ride it.....

## Marine Triple-Expansion Steam Engine In Operation

By Bruce Anderson



I just edited a version of the SS JEREMIAH O'BRIEN focusing primarily on the engine room under steam and thought you might enjoy it. It's a shorter version of a video I did in 2012 for the Champagne Toast of the departure of the Battleship IOWA.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/12nDAg-oWZc>

## Video Choices from Our Membership



From Loren Byron, a 32:12 minute youtube video from Christopher Kovacs: "From famous speed demons to underrated heavy haulers, this list chronicles my Top 15 picks for extinct classes of American Steam Locomotives!"

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdD3L0nv1TY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdD3L0nv1TY)

A 3:16 minute youtube video by John Stychno where "Zack builds the most amazing backyard railroad you've ever seen."

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWx2R\\_qaLXA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWx2R_qaLXA)





# Rules Of The Month

Sept 2016

By  
Dan Swanson

## 2011 Safety & Operating Rules

### Section 1 - General procedures

**1.02 Handcars** *Handcars and other non-powered vehicles shall operate only when steam or other motorized equipment is not on the tracks. When permitted they may only operate on the outer loop and flat part of the inner loop around the Club - house and Roundhouse, using the cutoff by the Roundhouse. They are not permitted on the trestle at any time. -*

### Section 6 - Safety Committee

**6.09 Accidents** *Persons involved in any accidents involving injury of anykind or damage to club or private equipment shall fit out and file an accident report with a safety officer. -*

**6.10 Failure To Appear** *Failure to appear before the board of directors when summoned or otherwise required to do so shall be interpreted as a default and the Board may then take any action deemed appropriate without recourse on the part of the individual. -*

### Section 8 - Fuel Storage at the GGLS Facilities

**8.01.1 Fuel Types Allowed** *For solid fuel fired engines (coal, charcoal, wood or other solid fuels), fuel remaining in the tender when the engine is placed in the facility is allowed. -*

## For Sale

August 16, 2016

1.5" Mercer Gondola from the 1980's



Body is 1 1/8" aluminum sheet and the ends are aluminum castings. The car is equipped with Andrews trucks and couplers are from Mercer. The graphics are from Miracle Graphics.

Buyer can pick up the gondola at Stockton, California or arrangements can be made to pick up at the GGLS club facility in Berkeley, California. Asking \$795

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# HUNTER ATLANTIC FOR SALE



Past member Charlie Hunter built this engine many years ago. He is pictured with his engine as seen in the clubhouse. Charlie loved to run his engine at the track and was more than willing to “double head” with other members. Rick Zobelein, with his Mikado, agreed and he and Charlie hooked up to a long consist of cars over at the Shattock Barn. Off they went, each with their head in the cab. When passing Tilden Station, they both looked over to the Shattock Barn and saw the cars still sitting there, since the coupler had disconnected upon leaving and nobody had looked back! All had a good laugh at the expense of the two engineers!

Charlie passed away years ago, and donated the engine to the club. Since then, there engine has had a lot of work done on it to keep it in running condition. Since the club has acquired other engines, the Board has decided to put this engine up for sale for the sum of \$15,000.00. Feel free to come up to inspect the engine on any Thursday or Sunday. Prospective buyers may be able to run the engine upon making prior arrangements. Contact member Rick Reaves with any questions or to make arrangement to view the engine.